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**Re: Oral Ex Parte Presentation
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. On Thursday, March 6, 2003, David LaFuria and Rick Morrow met with Commissioner Kevin Martin and Daniel Gonzalez in Commissioner Martin's office on behalf of Virginia Cellular, LLC ("Virginia Cellular"). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the merits of Virginia Cellular's Petition for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier status in the state of Virginia. The two maps which are attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B were left with Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Martin. Virginia Cellular provided the map labeled Exhibit B to show cell site locations it is considering constructing in high cost areas upon receiving a grant of ETC status.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, two copies of this letter are enclosed for inclusion in the Commission's docket file.

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If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,



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cc: Commissioner Kevin Martin
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